

ENCOURAGE PEACE TALK SAYS CLEWS

Believes It Good For Belligerents in Particular and Mankind in General.

By Henry Clews.
NEW YORK, May 15.—A change seems impending in the atmosphere of current events. We have long been actuated by a sense of keen apprehension that the great crisis through which we are now passing would not end without some sort of disturbance at home. These fears had their inception in the war and our relations with Germany and Mexico and certainly had good foundation. As regards Germany, the outlook has been much improved by the frank admission of responsibility for sinking the Lusitania and the promise of reparation. The promises of Germany to also modify her submarine policy in accordance with the wishes of the American government are also encouraging, and if fulfilled should insure friendly relations between the two countries. The situation was immensely clarified by President Wilson's decisive note last week which was practically an ultimatum. There is every reason to hope that Germany will avoid a rupture with the United States, since we are really her best remaining friend among the neutral powers and can be of invaluable service when peace negotiations actually begin. The desire of Germany to end the war is unquestionable. Peace feelers have been repeatedly put forward and the belief in its early coming strengthens daily. The greatest hindrance to peace now is the strong inclination of the allies to push the war to a final conclusion. The final struggle between the armies of the central powers and the entente is probably yet to come; as yet neither side has conquered, and no satisfactory or lasting peace can be established until one side or the other has been forced into submission. Thus while peace is in the air, and while the mad thirsting for war has been superseded by a sane longing for peace, there is no immediate prospect as yet for any such conclusion. The war promises to continue for some time yet unless something happens which will compel concessions on both sides. Most of the peace talks will grow, and all rational efforts to that end should be encouraged for the good of the belligerents in particular and the benefit of mankind in general. The Mexican outlook is far from satisfactory, and the danger of our becoming more deeply involved in that quarter is constantly increasing. We are certainly threatened with a long and costly difficulty, the outcome of which cannot at this time be foreseen.

Business Increases.
How long is the feverish business activity of the last few months to continue? During the first four months of the current year, bank clearings reached the tremendous total of \$78,000,000,000, or nearly 45 per cent more than the same time last year. Making allowance for the rise in values—and an increase of nearly 6 per cent in New York's clearings which were more than half the above total and swollen by unusual financial operations—it is evident there has been a very considerable increase in the volume of American business. Perhaps railroad earnings are a better indication in this respect than bank clearings. The railroads have earned about 20 per cent more so far this year than a year ago, and the gain is only partly due to better rates, traffic having made most encouraging gains. Exports for the last nine months were about 50 per cent ahead in value of last year and imports showed an increase of about 25 per cent over a year ago. Now, therefore, of concern with not less than \$1,000,000,000 or five times what they were a year ago.

"I DON'T SUFFER ANY MORE"

"Feel Like a New Person," says Mrs. Hamilton.

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ago. Such evidences of extraordinary activity could be multiplied indefinitely, and encouraging as they may be they unavoidably raise the question, when will a halt be due? The answer is, "not until the flood tide and there are no signs of weakness in the industrial fabric; albeit there are certain changes in tendencies and conditions which should not escape notice. First, commodity prices have risen to a point that not infrequently arrests new business. The index number of the London Economist stood at 4190 on April 3rd, compared with 3337 a year ago; a rise of about 25 per cent in values, chiefly in minerals, timber and beef. The rise in American markets was probably not quite so extreme as this, but it has been very considerable and is now exerting its effect upon credit. The great expansion in loaning capacity of the banks brought about by large gold imports, the new banking law and other circumstances, especially the war, produced the much expected inflation. Bankers are now scrutinizing loans more carefully, since credits have been greatly extended and much larger sums are required to finance a given amount of merchandise than formerly. With commodities at such dizzy heights and exposed to a reaction, bankers are justified in exercising greater discrimination. Further, the cost of doing business has been tremendously enhanced by the rise in raw materials and the elevation of wages. Such developments mean that the next 12 months will not see a repetition of the bulge in profits of the last 12 months. Again, foreign munition orders, which did much to swell both profits and exports, may be repeated, but on a decidedly smaller scale with the prospect of almost vanishing peace commissions. In many cases new enterprises have been deferred until costs of building declines. Not a few concerns, notably in the steel industry, are sold ahead so completely as to be unable to take further orders, or at least until the outlook for raw materials is more settled. While the prospect for peace, as said above, is not yet in sight, it is practically certain that a cessation of hostilities is not very far distant, when both domestic and foreign trade will be demolished or readjusted upon a peace basis. It would be decidedly erroneous to expect to return to the ways and conditions existing before the war. On the contrary, many problems will be wholly new and quite as perplexing, if not more so, as those now in the melting pot. New forces, new policies, new methods, new markets and new opportunities in endless procession will bring in a flood of fresh problems, the solution of which will require much prudence and time for adjustment.

In spite of such perplexities, the business outlook for the country as a whole is decidedly promising. The west is practically assured of another year of prosperity because of the high prices for all food and agricultural products. Labor in other parts of the world has been so diverted from production to destruction that this country is practically sure of another good export season for raw materials, particularly grain and cotton. For our mineral products there is also an unprecedented demand; notably copper, petroleum, iron and coal, all of which are bringing extraordinarily high and profitable prices. There is no cessation of the boom in the iron trade, except for the disposition of the steel companies to accept further orders for 1917 owing to the uncertainty of securing raw materials. The railroads have been liberal buyers of steel products and in some portions of the country the building trades, though spotty, show much activity. The textile industries are in a satisfactory condition, although manufacturers have been somewhat embarrassed by adjusting themselves to higher wages and the loss of considerable of their export trade. The outlook generally, however, for textiles, clothing and food products is encouraging for the reason that wage advances have materially augmented the buying power of a considerable proportion of our population.

If we except the munition stocks, there has been no such inflation in the security markets as exists in commodities. The war group have lately been adversely affected by peace rumors. Other classes of industrial have, however, been well maintained and the better class of railroad shares have received much more attention from buyers after a long period of comparative neglect. Some issues scored sharp advances. The firmer tendency of the money market and the liberal return of securities from abroad as a result of "mobilizing" operations have tended to restrain any active advance in the stock market. Intrinsic conditions, however, are sound and the outlook continues favorable, the only obstacles to a further rise at this time being foreign selling of Americans, the risk of trouble with Germany, and the unsettled state of affairs with Mexico.

GERMAN LABOR TROUBLE NOT AS BAD AS PAINTED

Imperial Report Says Amount of Disturbance in 1915 Lowest on Record.

BERLIN (via London), May 15.—In striking contrast with reports of extensive labor disturbances in Germany, which crop out from time to time in the foreign press, are figures given in the annual statement of the Imperial statistical bureau for 1915. The report shows a total of 167 strikes and lockouts in the 17 months of the war up to the end of last year. The number of workmen involved was 14,950.

Particularly noticeable is the short duration of the various labor troubles. The average time lost by striking workmen was less than 2-1/2 days. In the year 1915 the amount of labor troubles was the lowest on record.

MINISTER LAUDS ALL MOTHERHOOD

Rev. Kaley Says It is Greater to Nation Than Army or Navy.

"Back of every successful issue in life, whether in the church, the home or in the community, 'True Motherhood' is our greatest blessing and need outside of Jesus Christ Himself," said Rev. Daniel A. Kaley, pastor of Mizpah Evangelical church, Sunday morning in his sermon on the subject "Our Mothers." The entire service was given over to the "mother," when selections were rendered by the choir appropriate to the occasion and carnations were given to each mother at the end of the services.

Rev. Kaley spoke of the opinions of great men in regard to mothers and their responsibilities to their children. "When Napoleon was asked what the greatest need in France was, his immediate answer was 'better mothers.' The strength of any nation is not in her army or navy, but in the power and blessing of 'true motherhood.' This fact was recognized by the ancient Spartans; they trained their daughters to be brave, to endure hardships, to become self-sacrificing and pure, and the results of this training produced a strong, vigorous, chivalrous and fearless nation.

"So today does not the average community and city need a self-sacrificing, intelligent motherhood? God never gave to man such qualities of virtue and influence as has been given to true motherhood—only God can love more than a mother. "It was the mother of Jesus who stood near the cross at the time of that crucial hour in the life of our Lord. It is mother who carries the burdens in the time of a crisis. Often in my struggles with the hard unsympathetic and incaring world has my heart been cheered and my disappointments made into hopes by the word of cheer and encouragement from a loving mother. I never enter this sacred pulpit but I am conscious that some miles away my mother is praying that God would grant unto me power and success in proclaiming His word.

"In sickness or health, in prosperity or poverty, in joy or in sorrow, in honor or in disgrace, she lives for the life grafted upon her own, wishing only this honor that some day she might lean on the arm she made strong and trust the heart which has been made pure by her purity and her identity. "Her love is not chilled by selfishness or stifled by ingratitude. In faith and honor mother shares the glory with her offspring—in disgrace she too bears the shame with him. Cherish your mother or her memory with a most sacred tenderness. Make her life fragrant and cheerful by your sincerity."

HUMAN LIFE NOT MERE DRIFTING

Bishop John H. White Says God Has Decried a Purpose From Beginning.

"We are less than we might be, we do less than we might do. Man is limited in his judgments and conclusions. If in our religious decisions we are determined by man's conclusions, these conclusions must have all the limitations which we know to exist elsewhere in the human mind. There is no possibility of bigness in religion except in such self-surrender to a divine plan as shall permit the readiness of God to operate rather than the littleness of man," said Bishop J. H. White, pastor of St. James Episcopal church, Sunday morning in his sermon on the subject "Honor All Men, Love the Brotherhood, Fear God and Honor the King."

In illustrating how the willfulness of a wrongly stressed individualism operates to retard and hinder advance in the kingdom, Rev. White spoke of an article in a magazine on the subject "Empty Pews in the Country Church—Why?" "The article was based on the discussions of the national convention recently held to study the condition of the rural churches. The fact which came to light showed that while the population in many country communities is decreasing, the church membership is generally decreasing much more rapidly, in some cases twice as fast. Of 232 churches in three counties in Indiana 38 per cent are losing ground, while 48 per cent are losing ground and 14 per cent are standing still, which is equivalent to losing ground, for a church cannot, any more than an individual, stand still."

"A church is either going ahead or it is actually going back. A church is not an immaterial something, to stay where it is put. The social realization of religion is the contribution which this age is especially called upon to make to the whole understanding of man's relationship to God and to one another. In the background of human history there has been a divine purpose working forward in the redemption of mankind. "Human life has not been a meaningless drift, out of nothingness into nothingness—there has been purpose from the beginning. If we try to trace the wanderings of humanity through the wilderness of this

world it is a strangely broken and twisted path that we have to follow. The evolution of the spiritual man is no straight and easy march along the King's highway from the city of this world to the city of God. There are twists and turns, advances and retreats, recoveries and relapses. But the thing that on the whole has emerged from age to age is an advance in spiritual interest and capacity a direction of the whole process forward. That, most likely, would seem a saving hand to justify to man the existence of our times. Our own time, they will tell us, whatever its greatness in certain respects, can hardly be said to show a marked advance in spirituality. "We are not so sure that everything that is worth doing can be done by money and machinery. We are getting beyond the social philosophy which regards social life as things that 'just happen' and for which nobody is responsible and are growing a conscience which is markedly uneasy."

OPEN WAR VICTIM BAZAR TONIGHT

Booths Put in Readiness at Turner Hall—J. B. Stoll to Give Address.

The big bazaar for German and Austrian war sufferers at the German Turner hall will begin tonight and continue for five days. All day yesterday the decorators were at work draping the flags and building booths for the sales. Everything that goes to make a bazaar has been constructed. There is a fish pond where one may, for a trifling sum, drop a fishing line and win a prize. There is a country store where everything from yeast foam to plows will be sold. If one is so unfortunate as to be arrested at the fair, he will be conducted to the little green jail in the corner where will be enthroned the modern Portia dispensing that which "falleth as a gentle dew from heaven."

The decorations, which were furnished by the George Wyman Co., include many flags of red, white and blue, and of red, white and black, the national German colors. In their arrangement, the United States colors predominate.

Hon. John B. Stoll will be the principal speaker tonight and will deliver an address in German. Dr. Samuel W. Baer will also give a short talk. The musical end of the program will be taken care of by the United Singers' chorus. The songs are: "Wie hab ich Sie geliebt," "Die Nacht," and "Der Wald." Wednesday night will be Mishawaka and Elkhart night, delegations from these cities having promised to attend. Thursday will be set apart for Michigan City night, and Friday for Niles.

There will be a different program every night, in which the different German societies and churches will be represented.

DESTITUTE WOMAN HERE TO SEEK HER FATHER

Mrs. Anna Zaborowicz of Detroit and Baby in Care of Associated Charities.

Mrs. Anna Zaborowicz, with her five-months-old daughter, of Detroit, Mich., arrived in South Bend Sunday afternoon in search of her father, Wawrzyn Mrozinski, whom she has not seen for three years and whom she claims lives in South Bend.

She is certain that he came here three months ago, as word from Chesterton, Ind., where he had last been seen, stated that he had come to South Bend to work. "The woman, with her babe, is in destitute circumstances and will be cared for by the Associated Charities until her father or other relatives can be located."

ASK 10,000 PASTORS TO EXPLAIN PEACE LEAGUE

Letters Signed by Ex-Pres't Taft Sent Out to Clergymen Throughout Country.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Letters signed by President Taft, head of the League to Enforce Peace, and a committee of prominent churchmen have been written to 10,000 clergymen throughout the country. It was announced Sunday night, asking them to embody in their sermons next Sunday an explanation of the league's purposes. It is admitted that there is no reasonable ground to hope that the nations of the world will at this stage so far as to disarm and create an international army and navy to police the world.

"However," the letter says, "we have got to the point where there is ground for hope that at the end of this war, the community of nations will do what every primitive community sooner or later does, namely, unite in forming a vigilance committee, in which they agree to use their combined force to see that outlawry is kept down and the peace maintained."

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Children's fine White Ribbed Hose, real 25c grade; slightly mill imperfect; sizes 6 to 14; with coupon 14c.	Real Nottingham Lace Curtains in new spring patterns, 2 1/2 and 3 yards long; with coupon, pair \$1.84.	Window Shades with extra strong spring rollers, complete with fixtures; with coupon 19c.	Fine grade Rubber Sheet, 30 inches wide; waterproof—special with coupon, yard 29c.	Women's fine Nainsook Envelope Chemise, lace and quilt, trimmed style; with coupon 88c.	Women's fine Nainsook Envelope Chemise, lace and quilt, trimmed style; with coupon 64c.

Don't Miss This Wonderful Birthday Sale in Coats, Dresses and Skirts

Wom's \$10 New Coats One rack of Women's and Misses' new Spring Coats in all wool serges, fancy plaids, shepherd checks and fancy novelties; all sizes. Birthday Special \$4.75	\$8 Silk Poplin Dresses Women's and Misses' Silk Poplin, Serge and a few Taffeta Dresses, in all colors. While they last Tuesday, choice at \$3.65	\$5 Poplin Dress Skirts One rack of Women's and Misses' Wool Serges, Poplin and Check Skirts in new spring models; all sizes. Birthday Sale \$2.45	\$3 Corduroy Dress Skirts Women's and Misses' newest styles Velvet Corduroy Dress Skirts; also Wool Serges and fancy woven Worsters. Birthday Sale \$1.77
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Wom's 35c Union Suits 19c	50c Bed Sheets at 31c	Men's 6c Kerchiefs 21c	1 Black Petticoats 55c	Best 75c Corsets at 43c	1.50 Crepe Kimonos 93c
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30c Ruben Shirts at 18c	Boys' 75c Knickers 39c	50c Romper Suits at 37c	1.50 Storm Umbrellas 87c	Dr. Parker Waists at 17c	Child's 75c Dresses 43c
Infants' best 30c Ruben's Shirts; extra Birthday Sale Coupon 18c.	Knickers in fancy mixtures; all sizes; with coupon 39c.	All new spring styles, made of galatea, romper cloth. Special 37c.	A lot of men's and misses' storm proof Umbrellas; steel frame—with coupon 87c.	For boys and girls, famous Dr. Parker Waist brands; all sizes; special 17c.	Agnes 2 to 14 yrs; plaid gingham; beautiful styles, 43c

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